With regard to the process, the coiling temperature for the hot-rolled sheet has been specified to be 530°-570°C (Claim 8) or 530°-620°C (Claim 20).

Thus, the present invention is described by a certain composition of steel and a relatively precise and accurate range of coiling temperature of the hot-rolled sheet. This process provides an appropriate grain and further desirable features for thin sheets used in packaging products. Note in particular the Lankford coefficient, plane anisotropy coefficient, etc.

EP '834 does not anticipate or render obvious the claims. Perhaps Examples 4 and 5 of the reference are the closest to the presently claimed steel but the references fails to describe a combination of steel and processing steps as presently claimed. For example, the combination of the claimed composition of steel and the process step comprising coiling at the recited temperature is not rendered obvious by EP '834, which only describes a broad range of coiling temperature and generally uses steel having higher carbon, nitrogen and phosphorus contents, as well as additional boron.

For these reasons Applicants respectfully request the reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections. If the Examiner has any further comments or concerns she is requested to contact the undersigned, who will attempt to expedite the allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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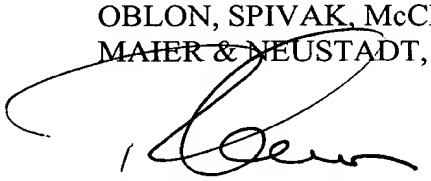

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